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May 12, 2020

Mr. Daniel Froestcher, Vice President-Energy Delivery  
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RE: COMMISSION INQUIRY INTO UTILITY PREPARENESS PLANS TO ENSURE  
SAFE AND RELIABLE OPERATIONS DURING THE COVID-19.  
(DOCKET NO. AU-00000A-20-0050)

Mr. Froestcher,

This letter is in response to Mr. Ross' letter docketed on May 8, 2020, regarding Arizona Public Service Company's ("APS") support for Tribal Communities in Arizona during the COVID19 pandemic. As I mentioned, the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority ("NTUA") has said very recently that there is great need on the Nation for the following:

- Satellite phones
- Solar lights
- Solar charging stations
- Medical gowns and thermometers.

I would appreciate an update regarding further communications with NTUA on this issue.

As I mentioned during the Special Open Meeting, it's been greatly troubling to me and many others that, to this day, about 15,000 homes on the Navajo Nation are unelectrified. NTUA is currently doing a study to find out exactly how many homes are unelectrified and whether they could be economically connected to the grid. And if not, if microgrids could be implemented. There are areas within the western side of Navajo Nation that are within your service area.

- Are you working with NTUA on this study?
- And more to the point, why hasn't APS connected Navajo homes to the grid or with microgrids? What are the barriers to doing so?
- In the May 8, 2020 letter, APS noted that a total of ten tribes either have some or all of their land within your service area. How many households and

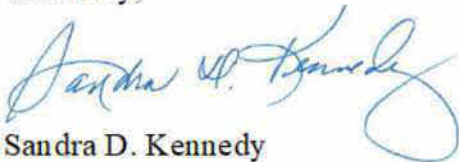
commercial/governmental buildings from each of these tribes are currently unelectrified?

Let me state explicitly why this is directly connected to the COVID-19 pandemic and the spread on the Navajo Nation. Electricity is needed to pump water. These unelectrified homes do not have water. You need water to wash your hands. Without electricity, people have to reuse water they haul in. Without electricity they have to limit their use of water. You can see where this is going. I don't think it's out of left field to say that the Navajo Nation is facing this crisis in large part because there have been decades of neglect and failure to invest on the part of utilities and government. We need to correct that, now.

This Commission already has a line extension rule that allows any customer to be connected up to 500 feet of line for free. This is one of the biggest subsidies for the housing developers in this state. I would like to explore a special line extension policy to actually benefit the people of the Navajo Nation, and potentially other tribes within your service area. This is a public health need that should be implemented as soon as possible.

I am also attaching my letter from May 1, 2020 (see Attachment A). Please note I am still waiting for your response to the questions marked with an asterisk (\*).

Sincerely,

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Sandra D. Kennedy  
Commissioner

## **ATTACHMENT A**

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## **OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEM**

May 1, 2020

Mr. Jeffrey Guldner, President  
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RE: IN THE MATTER OF ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF PACKAGE FOR APS CUSTOMERS EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC. (DOCKET NO. E-01345A-20-0080)

Mr. Guldner,

I am requesting that Arizona Public Service ("APS") come prepared to the May Open Meeting with the following information:

- Please provide the annual revenues for APS and parent company Pinnacle West for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.
- Please provide the total shareholder earnings for APS and parent company Pinnacle West for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.
- Please provide the total dollars spent by APS and parent company Pinnacle West on political campaigns, lobbying, and other efforts for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. This total should be inclusive of the funds spent to defeat Proposition 127.

Sincerely,

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Sandra D. Kennedy  
Commissioner

On this 1st day of May, 2020, the foregoing document was filed with Docket Control as a Correspondence from Commissioner, and copies of the foregoing were mailed on behalf of Sandra D. Kennedy, Commissioner – A.C.C. to the following who have not consented to email service. On this date or as soon as possible thereafter, the Commission's eDocket program will automatically email a link to the foregoing to the following who have consented to email service.

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